

MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Monday, January 25, 2021
- TIME:** 9:00 A.M.
- PLACE:** Room EW20
- MEMBERS:** Chairman Wood, Vice Chairman Vander Woude, Representatives Gibbs, Blanksma, Kingsley, Christensen, Lickley, Erickson, Ferch, Mitchell, Chew (Hoy), Rubel, Davis (Burns)
- ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None
- GUESTS:** Nicki Chopski and Svetlana Chorny, IBOP; Brody Aston, Westerberg Assoc.
Chairman Wood called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Lickley** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2021, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
Chairman Wood welcomed substitute Reps. Burns and Hoy to the committee.
- RS 28302C2:** **Rep. Megan Blanksma**, District 23, presented **RS 28302C2**, proposed legislation to allow the review of the actions, decisions, or orders of the District Board of Health by the appropriate county commissions board. Public health violations are reduced to fined infraction. Additionally, the Director of the Department of Health and Welfare (DHW) is limited to thirty enforcement days, with specified extensions, for orders of isolation or quarantine. Answering a question, she said the amounts for the fines were selected based on whether payment was by an individual or a business.
- MOTION:** **Rep Gibbs** made a motion to introduce **RS 28302C2**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 28227C1:** **Rep. Brandon Mitchell**, District 5, presented **RS 28227C1**, proposed legislation to bring health order codes into compliance with the Idaho State Constitution by removing the five-mile jurisdiction.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to introduce **RS 28227C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 28071:** **Elke Shaw-Tulloch**, Administrator, Division of Public Health, DHW, presented **RS 28071**. As part of the Red Tape Reduction Act, the proposed chapter for the Idaho Tuberculosis Hospital, which has not been in existence since 1976, is repealed.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Lickley** made a motion to introduce **RS 28071**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 28162:** **James Aydelotte**, State Registrar, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Vital Records and Health Statistics, Division of Public Health, DHW, presented **RS 28162**. As a part of the Red Tape Reduction Act, the proposed legislation deletes the never-implemented filing requirement for a couple's written artificial insemination consent. The existing vital record information disclosures are expanded to further address fraud, child health and safety, and proactive data sharing with relevant agencies.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Gibbs** made a motion to introduce **RS 28162**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 28124: **Tim Frost**, Regulatory Affairs Manager, Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses (DOPL), on behalf of the Board of Nursing, presented **RS 28124**, which updates the Nurse Practice Act disciplinary authority to be in alignment with the appropriate, immediate action available to other licensing boards for any licensee who enters a guilty plea for a criminal conviction.

MOTION: **Rep. Lickley** made a motion to introduce **RS 28124**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 28133: **Tim Frost**, Regulatory Affairs Manager, DOPL, presented **RS 28133**, proposed legislation to align the Telehealth Access Act with the federal telehealth substance prescribing exemptions.

MOTION: **Vice Chairman Vander Woude** made a motion to introduce **RS 28133**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 28140: **Tim Frost**, Regulatory Affairs Manager, DOPL, on behalf of the health profession section of the DOPL and Board Of Pharmacy (BOP), presented **RS 28140**. This proposed legislation to move the prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP) from the BOP to the DOPL. Access to the PDMP is amended to include DOPL employees and give prescribers or pharmacists the ability to determine the number of delegates to help them with the PDMP. No change is made to the PDMP structure, services, or information.

MOTION: **Rep. Lickley** made a motion to introduce **RS 28140**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 28144: **Tim Frost**, Regulatory Affairs Manager, DOPL, on behalf of the BOP, presented **RS 28144** to update and modernize the Pharmacy Practice Act. Clarification of the pharmacist prescribing definition makes permanent the restrictions waived during the COVID-19 pandemic.

MOTION: **Rep. Burns** made a motion to introduce **RS 28144**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

Representative Wood
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary